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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1882.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, 17th October, 1882. [296]

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RESERVE FUND \$70,858-27.

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MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at  
CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD  
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ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN  
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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
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(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS AT CURRENT RATES ON GOODS,  
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payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
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Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

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May, 1882.....

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tributed among all Contributors of Business (whether  
Shareholders or not) in proportion to the  
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [53]

## Intimations.

INTERNATIONAL  
NOVELTY COMPANY.

KOOLANGSOO, AMOY, (CHINA.)

IMPORTERS OF EUROPEAN  
AND  
AMERICAN NOVELTIES.

EMILE FRANKUCHEN,  
Manager.

Amoy, 22nd August, 1882. [527]

G. FALCONER & CO.  
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER  
MANUFACTURERS

AND  
JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,  
CHARTS AND BOOKS.

No. 46, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [434]

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions  
to Sell by Public Auction, on  
THURSDAY,  
the 2nd November, 1882, at 3 P.M., on the  
Premises,

By Order of the MORTGAGEE.  
ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND  
abutting on Gap Street, and the REMAIN-  
ING PORTION of SECTION A measuring  
22 feet 1 inch, on the Eastern and Western  
sides 50 feet, and is Registered in the Land  
Office as the REMAINING PORTION of  
the Northern Portion of SECTION A of  
INLAND LOT No. 416.

AND,  
ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND  
abutting on Gap Street, and on the RE-  
MAINING PORTION of SUB-SECTION  
No. 1 of SECTION B measuring 21 feet  
and 3 inches, on the Eastern and Western  
sides 50 feet, and is Registered in the Land  
Office as the Northern Portion of SUB-  
SECTION No. 7 of SECTION B of IN-  
LAND LOT No. 416. Held for the term  
of 999 years.

Together with the 3 HOUSES, erected thereon  
Nos. 6, 7 and 8, in Gap Street.  
For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale,  
apply to

J. M. GUEDES,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1882. [708]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions  
from the MORTGAGEES to Sell by Public  
Auction, on

FRIDAY,  
the 3rd November, 1882, at 3 P.M., on the  
Premises,  
All those Pieces or Parcels of GROUND Regis-  
tered in the Land Office as the REMAIN-  
ING PORTION of INLAND LOT No.  
381, measuring on Queen's Road 28 feet and  
1 inch, South side 28 feet, on the East 68  
feet and 6 inches, on the West 61 feet and  
6 inches; Also, SECTION A of INLAND  
LOT No. 698, Queen's Road, 6 feet, East  
side 61 feet, and on the West on INLAND  
LOT No. 698, measuring 61 feet. Together  
with the Two Newly and Substantially  
Built HOUSES on Queen's Road West,  
Nos. 72 and 74.  
For Particulars of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1882. [709]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE PROPERTY,  
IN JERVOIS STREET & QUEEN'S ROAD  
CENTRAL.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auc-  
tion, on

WEDNESDAY,  
the 15th day of November, 1882, at THREE P.M.,  
on the Premises,

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

1ST LOT.—ONE HOUSE in Jervois Street, No.  
68, and ONE HOUSE in Queen's Road  
Central, No. 203, measuring on the North  
side 15 feet, South 15 feet, East 62 feet,  
West 72 feet, early Crown Rent  
£2-16-2, Registered as INLAND LOT No.  
117, for 999 years from the 26th June, 1843.

2ND LOT.—ONE HOUSE in Jervois Street, No.  
70, and ONE HOUSE in Queen's Road  
Central, No. 203, measuring on the North  
side 15 feet, South 15 feet, East 62 feet,  
West 72 feet, early Crown Rent  
£3-3-6, Registered as  
INLAND LOT 117A, for 999 years from the  
10th September, 1843.

3RD LOT.—ONE HOUSE in Jervois Street, No.  
72, and ONE HOUSE in Queen's Road  
Central, No. 203, measuring on the North  
side 15 feet, South 15 feet, East 62 feet,  
West 72 feet, or 1,100 square feet. Yearly  
Crown Rent £3-11-7, for 999 years from the  
26th June, 1843.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale,  
apply to

J. M. GUEDES,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1882. [710]

## For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE American Steamer  
"INGEBORG,"  
489 Tons Register, Classed 3/4 L. I. I. in Veritas,  
and Built at Gothenburg in 1873.  
For Particulars, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 30th September, 1882. [566]

FOR SALE.

A THURSTON'S ENGLISH BILLIARD  
TABLE (full size) with CUES, RACKS,  
PYRAMID BALLS, and COMPLETE FITTINGS. A  
Reasonable Price will be taken.  
Apply for Particulars to

A. B. C.,  
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Hongkong, 18th September, 1882. [637]

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....\$22 per Case.  
Pints.....\$23 per Case.  
Apply to

MELCHERS & Co.  
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [132]

D. K. GRIFFITH.

MANUFACTURER OF THE LONDON  
AERATED WATERS.

7, BEACONFIELD ARCADE,  
(Opposite the City Hall)

Having lately Purchased the entire Machinery  
of the late Mr. E. CHASTEL'S  
SODA WATER FACTORY  
is now prepared to execute the largest orders  
for every description of Aerated Waters, with  
promptness and despatch.

SUPERIOR QUALITY

I. S. G. U. A. N. T. E. E. D.

Consumers should try those carefully  
Manufactured.

SPARKLING WATERS.

THREE DOZEN FOR ONE DOLLAR.

All Orders and Communications should be ad-  
dressed to The Factory,  
7, BEACONFIELD ARCADE.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [225]

## Intimations.

ROSE & CO.

31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.

DRAPERY DEPARTMENT.

SHEETINGS, TOILET, and MARSEILLA QUILTS.  
TABLE CLOTHS also TABLE DAMASK BY THE YARD.  
TABLE COVERS and CLOTH COVERING BY THE YARD.  
TABLE NAPKINS and TRAY CLOTHS.  
ANTIMACASSARS, CRUMB CLOTHS,  
HUCKABACKS, TURKISH TOWELS,  
BATH BLANKETS and WRAPPERS.

Also,  
WHITE COTTON TERRY BY THE YARD,  
FOR

TOWELS, WRAPPERS, and BATH BLANKETS.  
SWISS and SCOTCH HOOK MUSLINS,  
NAINSOOKS, LAWNS,  
&c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT.

WHITE LONGCLOTH SHIRTS WITH and WITHOUT COLLARS.  
UNDERSHIRTS, SMEDLEY'S MERINO and BALBRIGGAN,  
INDIA GAUZE, THE NEW NETTED, SILK and COTTON,  
SPUN SILK and OTHERS.  
HALF HOSE, WELL ASSORTED IN COTTON, MERINO, SILK, &c.  
UMBRELLAS and WALKING STICKS.  
COLLARS, SHAPES OF PREVAILING FASHION.  
HANDKERCHIEFS.  
CHRISTIE'S FELT HATS.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED OUR FIRST PARCEL OF

KID GLOVES.

LADIES 2, 4, 6, and 8 BUTTONS and GENTS 2 BUTTONS.

TRAVELLING TRUNKS.

ROSE AND COMPANY,

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Hongkong, 25th September, 1882. [379]

THE CHEAPEST HOUSE IN THE EAST.

FOR BOOKS, STATIONERY, MUSIC and MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, FANCY GOODS,  
ARTISTS MATERIALS, &c., &c., &c.

W. BREWER.

No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

ALL the Newest Books in every Department of Literature. Every variety of Stationery,  
including Mercantile and Fancy Note and Letter Papers of every description;  
Visiting, Menu and Programme Cards in great variety.

Account Books, Ledgers, Cash Books, &c., &c., of European Manufacture.

All the Newest Music of the day by the most Popular Composers.

Sole Agents for Kirkman's celebrated Pianos, Concertinas, Accordions, and Antophones.

Every description of Fancy Goods and Smoker's Sundries.

A fine assortment of Christmas Cards and Motives. Letts and Smith's Diaries for 1883.

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Price Lists of Magazines and Newspapers may be had on application.

The Discount System will be introduced as far as practicable in the East, and 10 per cent. will be  
ALLOWED OFF ALL GOODS FOR CASH.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1882. [703]

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

TO Clear Old Stock, the following are offered for a short period at greatly reduced rates—

TWO SHILLING NOVELS

BY

QUIDA, BESANT AND RICE, PAYN, COLLINS, &c.

AT

FIFTY CENTS EACH.

BY

T A U C H N I T Z NOVELS

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THIRTY CENTS EACH.

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EMINENT NOVELISTS,

AND

BOUND VOLUMES OF ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS AND PUNCH FROM 1864 to 1876,

AT VERY CHEAP PRICES.

S. MEYERS,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 9th October, 1882. [661]

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

WE HAVE PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING A SPECIAL SHOW

OF

FANCY GOODS SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS, ON AND AFTER

T O M O R R O W , T U E S D A Y ,

THE 24TH OCTOBER, 1882.

CLOCKS, DRESSING CASES.

WRITING DESKS AND CABINETS.

INK STANDS AND BLOTTERS.

ORNAMENTAL PLUSH BRACKETS.

ILLUMINATED ALBUMS.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS, &c., &c.

Also ONE CASE OF TOYS.

The whole comprise one of the best selections ever shown in China and are marked at Prices which  
must command an early Sale.

ALL NEW GOODS.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1882. [659]

J. ULLMANN & CO.

42, QUEEN'S ROAD.

HAVE ALWAYS ON HAND A LARGE ASSORTMENT

OF

GOLD and SILVER WATCHES and CHRONOMETERS, CLOCKS OF ALL KINDS,  
BAROMETERS, THERMOMETERS, ANEROIDS, SPECTACLES, EYE-GLASSES, &c.

BY THE BEST MAKERS, AND AT LOW PRICES.

GENTLEMEN'S PARISIAN MADE SHIRTS, SCARVES, AND COLLARS

IN THE NEWEST STYLES.

FRENCH BOOTS AND SHOES

OF BEST QUALITY.

MEERSCHAUM-PIPES, CIGAR CASES AND HOLDERS,  
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A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STATIONERY.

CROCKERY WARE, TEA AND COFFEE SETS,  
RIFLES, FOWLING PIECES, AND REVOLVERS.  
A CHOICE SELECTION OF PINAUD'S BEST PERFUMERY.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [660]

## Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND,  
COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE,  
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE VIA  
SINGAPORE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for ADELAIDE,  
all NEW ZEALAND and TASMANIAN PORTS,  
NEW CALEDONIA and FIJI.)  
THE Steamship

"MEATH."

Captain John Johnson, will be despatched as  
above, on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at FOUR  
P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, 13th October, 1882. [694]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG,  
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ,  
PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for CALCUTTA,  
PERSIAN GULF PORTS, ODESSA, and the  
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"PANDORA."

Captain G. Sturli, will be despatched as above  
on or about the 4th prox.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1882. [707]

## SAILING VESSELS.

FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON.

THE "A" British Ship

"LOTHAIR,"

Boylton, Master, will load here for the above  
Ports, and have quick despatch.

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ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, 6th October, 1882. [673]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE "A" British Ship

"RUTHIN,"

Monkman, Master, will load here for the above  
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1882. [640]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE "A" British Ship

"ROCKHURST,"

Ballford, Master, will load here for the above  
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 14th September, 1882. [626]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. 1. American Ship

"PHINEAS PENDLETON,"

Laffin, Master, will load here for the above  
Port, and will have quick despatch.

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RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 16th October, 1882. [697]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. 1. American Ship

"ALEXANDER McNEIL,"

Sproul, Master, will load here for the above  
Port, and will have quick despatch.

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## Entimations.

GARDEN SEEDS.

SEASON 1882-3.

A. S. WATSON &amp; CO.

HAVE LATELY RECEIVED

AND

OPENED

OUT

THEIR NEW SEASON'S

SUPPLY OF

VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.

CATALOGUES SUPPLIED ON APPLICATION.

VEGETABLE PARCEL OF 50 PACKETS,

PRICE ..... \$7.50.

FLOWER PARCEL, PRICE ..... \$10.00.

FLOWER PARCEL HALF SIZE, PRICE, \$5.00.

SINGLE PACKETS AT PRICES

AS PER LIST.

A. S. WATSON &amp; Co.,

HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG. [431]

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Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1882.

We are very glad to hear that the steps which have recently been taken to revive the volunteer movement in Hongkong are likely to lead to tangible and satisfactory results. His Excellency the Administrator is stated to be strongly in favor of the movement, and that gallant old soldier, Major-General SARGENT, has also promised his hearty support. So far as we can gather, it has been arranged to form an artillery corps consisting of two batteries. The commissioned officers, in addition to a military commandant and the usual professional drill instructors, will comprise two captains and four lieutenants, all of whom will be elected by ballot by the members of the corps.

His Excellency General SARGENT will grant the use of guns, carbines, and, in fact, everything within his power that may be required. Instead of the old-fashioned muskets carried by the defunct companies, the new volunteers will be armed with MARTINI-HENRI carbines, and sword bayonets. The uniforms will also be improved on, and every reasonable inducement to attract a body of likely men, and to keep them together, will be offered. We shall enter into fuller details of the project at a future time.

It has often, and we think truly, been said that the success of a volunteer corps depends in a great measure on the quality of its officers. The truth of this saying is certainly to a considerable extent applicable to Hongkong. Therefore we venture to hope that the active supporters of this resuscitated volunteer movement will exercise a wise discretion in selecting the men who are to bear Her Majesty's commissions. At home it is a general, almost a universal rule that officers of volunteer regiments, both commissioned and non-commissioned, on appointment, must pass a qualifying examination as to their efficiency, and we are of opinion that the same rule, modified to suit the altered circumstances, might beneficially be applied here. We remember during the Russian scare of some three or four years ago, when the Hongkong volunteer Artillery corps (now defunct) was formed, that scarcely a single one of the officers then elected knew even the rudiments either of infantry or big gun drill.

It may be urged with some show of reason that where, as in the present instance, professional instructors are available, a fair degree of efficiency in

the volunteer officers is not at the beginning an absolute necessity. This may be so, still it can hardly be denied that the men will respect and obey their officers all the more readily if they are well up to their work, and thoroughly acquainted with the drill. Past experiences must have taught our local volunteers a lesson in this respect, and doubtless the discrimination we recommend will be noticeable when the officers of the new volunteer corps are elected. We heartily wish the movement every success.

The following interesting article on the Hillsdale v. Thames boat race appeared in the London Daily News of September 15th:—

Although the race to be rowed on the Thames to-day can hardly be considered an international contest in the proper sense of the term, it will at least take place over the champion course and decide the merits of two good crews. Most certainly England, and perhaps the United States, would hardly consider the Hillsdale crew and that of the Thames Rowing Club as representative crews of American and English amateurs. It is unfortunate that some little bickering has occurred as to the meaning of the word "amateur." Definitions, especially such as affect social or sporting status, are troublesome things, particularly when England takes one view and the United States another. In England, for instance, we consider saleswoman a good word; in America it is translated into saleslady. The "grand old name of gentleman" is understood very variously, according to circumstances. Every one has heard of the Irish duellist who, when it was pointed out to him that his proposed adversary was a person of inferior social position, replied, "For fighting purposes, any man who puts on a clean shirt twice a week is gentleman enough." A gentleman rider again is a personage whose qualifications vary at different times and places; but the main question is, in this country, held, to be whether a man has rowed or ridden for money—such act and deed disqualifying him as an amateur. In America a different view is held, and English sculling amateurs have been startled to hear of a competitor, who had been permitted to row against them at Henley, offering on his return home to row for a money stake. It is also said to be a custom for American clubs to pay the expenses of their acting crew who represent them at a distance from home, a practice analogous to that of allowing expenses to cricketers, not being professionals, in this country. The term amateur being thus variously understood, it is not to be wondered at that the Hillsdale crew found some little difficulty in arranging a match with any club they would think it worth while to vanquish. Happily the disappointment of travelling all the way from America to England to row and returning without making a match was averted by the Thames Rowing Club coming forward and offering to meet the Hillsdale Four, who have acquired considerable reputation in their own country.

There is one great element of interest in a rowing match which is practically absent from many other encounters of a sporting nature. A well-known racing man is reported to have said that he never wished anybody to understand his horses but himself. "If I have a good one, I want to back him at good odds; if I have a bad one, I want to sell him." Is the saying attributed to this sage of the training-ground and betting-ring, who insisted on his animals being galloped at unearthly hours of the morning. In like fashion, an athlete in training for running may select some unknown or remote spot for his "preparation." But there can be nothing of this kind with a four or eight oared crew. To have a fair chance of success the men must be trained over the actual course, the open river on which the race is to be rowed. A river in Macedonia and a river in Monmouth are very different things to a rowing man, who must know the water he is to compete upon. In great sculling races on the Thames or the Tyne this rule is observed, and the University crews of Oxford and Cambridge always finish their training over the course from Putney to Mortlake, in order to become used to the effect of wind and tide on that classic bend of the river. This preliminary training adds vastly to the excitement of a boat race. Anybody who has leisure is free to watch the work of the crews, and to time them with a stopwatch, an occupation which appears to give a vast amount of pleasure to experts. All is fair and above board, and everybody can form his own opinion as to the respective merits of the crews. The uninitiated have no idea of the field of speculation thus opened. Ordinary minds would be satisfied with a time test, concluding, not unnaturally, that the crew who got from point to point in the shortest time must be the best. But if this test were infallible, a great deal of interest would

be taken away from such contests as that which is to be decided this afternoon. As the pace of a racehorse will depend upon the state of the ground and the shape of the animal's feet, so will the pace of the elaborate rowing-machines known as racing boats depend upon the wind and the tide, and especially on the effect of rough water upon the rowing of any given crew. Elegant rowing and an admirably built boat just a trifle too light for the crew may be brought to very naught by a stiff breeze meeting the tide between Hammer-smith and Mortlake, or still earlier in the race at the point where the "shoot" is made. High trials by time alone are therefore likely to deceive those who put trust in them without taking style, wind and tide into consideration.

So far as weight is concerned, the Hillsdale and Thames Club crews are very evenly matched, but in style and method of rowing no competitors could be more dissimilar. The Thames crew are distinguished by a long, steady "swing," as it is called, and very sharp "catch," the latter, or the art of beginning the stroke at once, being considered of great importance by English oarsmen. By the majority of those who have watched them the style of the English competitors is considered admirable. In one of their trials they covered the long and severe course from Putney to Mortlake in 21 minutes, or some seconds longer than their opponents have required to row the course the reverse way, or down stream from Mortlake to Putney; but as we have already pointed out, so much depends on the state of the wind and tide or ebb on which these trials were rowed, that no long odds have yet been ventured on the race. The Hillsdale style has so completely taken aquatic "touts" aback that they confess they can make nothing of it. The Americans row on slides of enormous length; but so far as can be seen do not, in the judgment of English experts, make full use of them. MR. VAN VALKENBURGH, the Hillsdale stroke, is described as rowing in short, jerky fashion as many as 42 or sometimes 44 strokes to the minute; while Mr. CANTON, the Thames stroke, seldom rows up to 38. But although the American stroke appears to English eyes too fast to last, it is admitted that the boat travels very swiftly, an important concession, for it is an old precept of boat-racing to "take the lead and keep it." It is also written that a stern wagger is a long wagger, and experience has shown that with very rare exceptions the first boat which passes under Hammersmith Bridge, very much less than half the distance from Putney to Mortlake, wins. Now and then a fast sculler or crew may be rowed down at Chiswick by superior staying power and method, but as a rule both crews have done their best long before that point is reached. The race of to-day is of greater interest than usual on account of the conflict of styles which has puzzled waterside critics who cannot see where the pace of the Hillsdale boat comes from. Still the pace is there, and the question is whether it can be maintained over the Thames course. When Oxford beat Harvard several years ago it was thought that England had little to learn on the subject of rowing, and few would have predicted the triumphs of Australian cricketers and American racehorses. We have, however, grown very modest since then, and are prepared to admit the excellence even of the Hillsdale stroke, unless its unworthiness be demonstrated this afternoon.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. Curacao arrived at Nagasaki from Choo on the 13th inst. She is expected to stay about three weeks.

SENHOR DA SILVA, the New Chief Justice of Macao, arrived by last French mail, and went over to the Holy City by the White Cloud on Monday afternoon.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of Victoria Chapter, No. 52, will be held at Freemason's Hall, Zealand Street, on Tuesday evening, next, the 31st instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock, precisely.

SAYS the Rising Sun and Nagasaki Express of the 14th inst.:—The Russian flag-ship Duke of Edinburgh arrived on Thursday night last, displaying her electric lights whilst coming through the shipping.

THE Correio de Macao states that the value of the merchandise exported from Macao during the six months from July 1st to 31st December, 1881, (according to an elaborate statistical return compiled by Harbour Master, Senhor Demetrio Gnauli) amounted to the respectable total of \$2,637,222-15, exclusive of exports by the regular steamers.

DURING a shower, an American citizen, carrying a very wet umbrella, entered an hotel to pay a call to some one upstairs. After placing his umbrella where it might drain, he pinned it to a piece of paper with the sentence—"N.B.—This umbrella belongs to a man who strikes a 250 lb. blow. Back in fifteen minutes." He went his way upstairs, and after an absence of fifteen minutes returned, to find his umbrella gone, and in its place a note reading—"P.S.—Umbrella is taken by a man who walks ten miles an hour. Won't be back at all."

We are informed by the Assistant general Manager of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company that telegraphic communication with Manila was restored at noon to-day.

A HAWKER, one of a party of three shoplifters, the other two of whom walked off with a string of 28 pearls, valued at \$30, while the shopman's back was turned, was sentenced this morning by Mr. Wodehouse to six months' hard labour.

We learn from the assistant general Manager of the E. E. A. and C. Telegraph Company that the Company's steamer has restored telegraphic communication with Saigon; but owing to very bad weather, the defect cannot for the present be cut out, and in consequence the line is working badly.

A PARTY of nearly eighty artists from Belgium has invaded England. They include artists of many kinds, architects, sculptors, painters and archaeologists, and are accompanied by several ecclesiastical personages. They are members of a guild having for its object the study of Christian art, and visit England in order to see and study the glorious churches and cathedrals of the country.

AN American contemporary tells us that the Princess Victoria of Hesse runs her maiden aunt, Beatrice, pretty close in accomplishments, not to say good looks. She is said to be a gifted piece of royalty, painting and modelling, besides being a fine musician, and a very charming and interesting girl in the bosom of her family. Beatrice has a high nose and a temper that matches it, and is as proud as Lucifer himself. Both young women are in the market.

THE Correio de Macao of the 22nd inst. writes:—"We thank the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph for the leading article of the 18th instant, in which we are flatteringly recommended to public appreciation. As the ideas and principles of the said Editor appear to coincide with the fundamental principles on which our own journalistic policy is based, we trust the fraternity of sentiments will prove a new stimulus to us to advance on the career we have marked out for ourselves."

INSPECTOR Thomson raided a gambling house in First Street yesterday evening, arresting nine of the speculators, one of whom, who was acting as the manager of the swindle, was fined \$100 or three months' hard labor; another, \$50 or a like period of incarceration; the remainder \$10 each or 14 days. The batch went to goal.—Inspector Rivers, on the same day, descended on a similar den in Webster's Bazaar, and captured a batch of five gamblers. The manager was fined \$25 or six weeks' hard labor; the others \$5 each or 14 days.

BEFORE Captain Thomsett, sitting as Marine Magistrate, Antonio Missie, a seaman on board the British ship Rockhurst, was charged this morning by John Bulford, the master, with refusal of duty on the 23rd instant.—Captain Bulford said the defendant refused duty on the date named, and had done no work since.—Antonio said he wanted his discharge, and would not do any more work. Bad names were called him on board.—He was sent to 21 days hard labor at the order of the captain, which will probably induce him to alter his determination.

MR. H. J. H. TRIPP has, by order of the Stewards of the Race Fund, issued a circular officially announcing that the Hongkong Races of 1883 will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of February next. Gentlemen (ladies too, we presume) who have suggestions to offer or presentations in the shape of Cups, &c., to make, are invited to communicate with the Clerk of the Course on or before November 15th. The conditions of the Hongkong Derby have also been published. They are as follows:—The Hongkong Derby, a Sweepstakes of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before the date of closing entries; with \$100 added for 1st Pony and \$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies, bona fide Griffins at date of entry, (Saturday, 20th January, 1883). First Pony, 70 per cent; Second Pony, 50 per cent; Third Pony, 30 per cent. Weight 10st. 10lb. One Mile-and-a-half. Nominations close on Monday, 18th December, 1882, addressed to the Clerk of the Course, at the Hongkong Club.

TRULY the "heavenly Chinese" is equal to anything in the thriving line, and is capable of descending to the greatest meannesses in the development of his "annexing" proclivities, the quilts covering the graceful sleeping forms of his countrywomen not even being sacred to him. Last night about 11 o'clock, as Mrs. Ng-a-mul, whose husband is away at present, was buried in profound slumber on board her boat at Ap-It-chau, she being the sole occupant of the craft, she was awakened by feeling some one tugging at the quilt which concealed her shapely limbs from the rude gaze of the curious. Casting her optics about, she espied a man jump from her boat into a small boat which he had alongside, and paddle away in the direction of the shore as if his satanic majesty himself were in close pursuit. Taking in the situation at a glance, Mrs. Ng-a-mul called out "thief!" in her loudest tones, when her brother-in-law, who was in a boat close by, got into a sampan along with her, they both giving vigorous chase to the small boat, which they kept in sight. Upon reaching the shore, the would-be annexer of the lady's quilt jumped out of the boat and made tracks, but was pursued by Mrs. Ng-a-mul's brother-in-law, who quickly overhauled him. The man, who described himself as an accountant, when up before Mr. Wodehouse this morning, denied that he had any felonious intention, but was a victim of the strong wind and current which, in spite of him, drifted him alongside the complainant's boat, to which he clung, awaking the lady. As this, however, did not quite fit in with his having been seen by Mrs. Ng-a-mul to jump from her boat into his own and quickly make for the shore, the Magistrate sentenced the "accountant" to three months' hard labour.

CONSIDERABLE progress has already been made by the erection on the green in front of the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich of a bronze statue in memory of the late Prince Imperial of France.

We understand that the moonlight performances by the regimental band of the Buffs will in future be given at the Cricket Ground instead of in the Public Gardens. This change has been decided on owing to the very limited and not particularly select audiences which have of late attended the promenade concerts in the Gardens. It is believed, and we think with good reason, that the Cricket Ground will be found more suitable in every respect for these exceedingly pleasant entertainments.

ABOUT 11.30 a.m. yesterday, the chimneys of houses Nos. 39 and 41, Pottinger Street caught fire, near the top. Police constables McDonnell and Ehlers, who happened to observe the smoke and flame, ascended to the roofs, and, with the aid of sundry buckets of water, promptly extinguished the blaze. The dirty condition of the chimneys from an accumulation of soot, is believed to have been the inciting motive to the fire-god's happily frustrated attempt to again start on the war-path.

FROM latest home papers we note that there is a conflict of authority between France and Italy in regard to Tunisian affairs which may lead to unpleasant consequences. A telegram from Tunis dated the 11th ulto. asserts that there is great excitement in the Italian colony in consequence of the sentence passed by the French Council of war on an Italian, condemning him to two years' imprisonment for attacking a French soldier, and a correspondent wires from Rome on the same date that the conflict of jurisdiction in Tunis between Italy and France is considered an incident of the gravest character, tending to aggravate the strained relations between the two countries.

LADY Constance Howard recently published a three vol. novel entitled "Sweetheart and Wife." Her ladyship's literary efforts are apparently not appreciated by the critic of the Standard, who opens out on "Sweetheart and Wife" in the following strain:—"This is emphatically a nasty book. Its main object seems to be to show how pleasant it is for persons who have no right to do so to kiss and hug each other in every conceivable way, holding out 'hungry, willing lips' to each other, and so forth. The actors of these nauseous and illicit embraces, which are described with intense warmth and in very householdish grammar, occasionally interrupt their performances with fulsomely pious remarks, thereby making the book still more intolerably odious and offensive." We should think after this "slating" that Lady Constance Howard will give up her attempts to shine as an amateur Ouida!

PROBABLY the gristliest repast of modern times was, says the Overland Mail, recently given to a select circle of journalists and actors at Philadelphia by a leading undertaker of that city, on advertising as well as hospitable thoughts. The invitations to this lugubrious banquet were printed upon black-edged paper, liberally adorned with mortuary emblems. The dining-room was hung with crape and lighted with waxen tapers, while a catafalque aspect had been imparted to the dinner-table, upon which a gloomy service of jet-black china; glass, and so forth, was set out. Every item in the menu was served in such a guise that it irresistibly reminded the guests of the lot common to mortal man. Turkey, fowls, and game were brought on in deep mourning; mashed potatoes were moulded to resemble grave mounds; sable, truffles and white of hard-boiled eggs made the salad itself look woeful. The ices were shaped like miniature coffins, tombstones, hearses, and death's-heads; and the coffee was of truly funeral blackness. In a word, the whole entertainment was conceived in a spirit of deadly-lively waggery, closely akin to that dismal humour which prompted the Egyptians of yore to set up a skeleton at their most splendid feasts as a convivial "memento mori!"

THE Peterborough Express publishes an account of a strange scene which took place on Sept. 11 at a house in that city, where some ladies and gentlemen had been invited to witness a display of spiritualism, through the medium of a Miss Wood, of Newcastle. After an hour and a half

of general conversation, Miss Wood recited some poetry, which she said had been composed by "Poche," a little Indian girl about thirteen years of age, who was represented as the "controlling influence." At her request the lamp was turned down, and the company obliged her with singing several pieces. These pieces were several times repeated, all eyes meanwhile being especially directed to the curtained apartment for the appearance of the promised "unearthly manifestations." Presently the patience of those assembled was rewarded by the sight of a small form in white, which emerged from behind the curtains, made a slight "squeaking" noise, and approached a lady in the company, shook hands with her, and then retired. Knocks came for more singing, and a second time the "little stranger" presented herself, and the supposed Indian girl "Poche" began to speak. Little "Poche" was presented with some sweets by the gentleman of the house, and good-naturedly proffered to one lady in the room, to whom she also made known her desire for her to kneel down for a kiss, which was accordingly given the lady. After various manifestations a Mr. Cade made a spring for the "tiny one," and clasped tight hold of her. In the confusion which ensued the lamp went out, but Mr. Cade retained a firm hold of the "Spirit," who struggled desperately to get free. On a light being obtained, Mr. Cade was found holding securely the "lady medium," who had released herself of her bandages, divested herself of her upper garment—a black dress—and by the aid of a quantity of white muslin, on the top of white undergarments, and with stooping considerably, had presented herself as the little Indian girl "Poche." The dance broke up abruptly.

MEMBERS of the V.R.C. desirous of rowing for the "Chairman" and "Members" cups are requested to sign the list now ready. Entries close on Tuesday, November 7th, at 5.30 p.m., when crews, boats &c. will be selected.

A TELEGRAM from Rome to the London Standard, dated September 14th, says:—Now that it is no longer possible to conceal the fact of an important English victory at Tel-el-Kebir, the Popolo hastens to say it is accounted for by the dissensions among the Egyptians. All parties are once more proclaiming that England is bound to make a speedy end of the military part of the affair; in order to submit the reorganization of Egypt to the decision of a European Congress. To-night the papers are universally occupied with the taking of Tel-el-Kebir. The Osservatore, the Clerical organ, observes sarcastically on the simplicity of the Governmental papers, continuing to assert that England must now deliver up the fruits of her victories, to be apportioned by others. It says if former Italian statesmen had not had more tact than the present ones, no kingdom of Italy would have been possible. Italy, knowing that the Powers were favourable to the idea that Spain should be represented at the Conference for the regulation of the International Service of the Suez Canal, desired to know if the Spanish Government intended to make any proposition officially. The reply was that Spain would leave to Italy the selection of a favourable moment. It is understood that the Italian Government will make the proposal immediately. During Signer Mancini's stay at Turin he had several interviews with the Spanish Ambassador, who went thither expressly to see him.

IN the new edition of Behm and Wagner's "Bevölkerung der Erde," the total population of the globe is estimated at 1,433,887,500. It is only two years since the last issue of the work, and then the estimate was 1,455,923,500, showing an apparent decrease in two years of almost 22,000,000. This at first seems strange, especially as the recent censuses of all the great countries show an increase of 32,000,000 over the previous numbers. The apparent discrepancy is accounted for by the fact that the editors of the "Bevölkerung," on a careful revision of all the information as to the population of China, have come to the conclusion that their former estimate was far too high, and that, instead of that vast empire having a population of over 430,000,000, it does not much exceed 370,000,000, with all its dependent territories. There has thus been an actual increase of about 38,000,000 in the population of the globe—an increase, however, which must be spread over ten years, as many of the recent censuses are decennial. For Europe the present population is rated at 337,743,400, showing an increase of about 12,000,000 over the previous figures, by the operation of the censuses. In Asia, making allowance for the readjustment of the population of China, there has been an increase of 20,000,000, the present population being set down at 795,591,000. Of this the Indian Empire claims about one-third, while all the vast territory of Russia in Asia supports a population of only about 14½ millions. The Central Asian possessions of Russia have a population of only five millions. With regard to the Corea, whose inhabitants have been estimated at various figures from 7 to 16 millions, Messrs. Behm and Wagner give 8½ millions as probably near the truth. The population of Persia they have reduced, on the basis of recent information, from 8½ millions to little more than 7½ millions.

## SECOND BATTALION—THE BUFFS EAST KENT REGIMENT.

AQUATIC SPORTS.  
Committee:—Captain Newtham Davis; Lieut. B. F. Holme, and G. V. Daughish. Sub-Committee:—Sergeant Major Gleeson; Cr. Sergeants Robinson, and James. Starter:—Lieutenant V. Bunbury. Judge:—Major Harrison.

The above sports came off this afternoon in the presence of a large concourse of spectators, mostly naval and military, although many civilians were present. Our early hour of going to press prevents us, in this issue, from giving a detailed account of the various events; below we append the events concluded up to half-past three.

1.—2 LENGTHS.—Open to N. C. Os. and men.  
White..... 1  
Connolly..... 3  
Green..... 3

2.—SWIMMING UNDER WATER.—Open to N. C. Os. and men.  
Sheppard..... 1  
Peachey..... 2  
3.—2 LENGTHS.—Open to N. C. Os. only.  
Perman..... 1  
Fox..... 2

4.—HEADERS FROM STAGE.—Open to N. C. Os. and men.  
Connolly..... 1  
Peachey..... 1  
Suckling..... 1

## MAILS EXPECTED.

## THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Lombard left Singapore for this port at 8 a.m. on the 22nd instant, and may be expected to arrive on the 28th.

## THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The American mail steamer Gaule left San Francisco on the 28th ultimo, and Yokohama on the 21st instant, and is expected to arrive here on or about the 29th.

The O. & N. steamer Belgic, with the succeeding American mail, left San Francisco on the 10th October, and is due here about the 8th November.

The P. & M. steamer City of Berlin, with the following American mail, left San Francisco on the 21st October, and may be expected here on or about the 10th November.

## STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Patroclus, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 21st instant, and may be expected here on or about the 28th.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer Parda left Singapore for this port on the morning of the 22nd instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 29th.







